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Laurel Tree Charter School staff and students enjoy a boating excursion in Valley West Park.

LUCY SALAZAR | VALLEY WEST

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HUMCO COVID COUNT	TESTS	CASES	HOSPITALIZED	DEATHS	VAX DOSES	PARTLY VAXXED	FULLY
Monday, Jan. 17	150,887	12,918	491	128	171,028	6.5%	62.8%

Many absent as COVID rips through schools

Jack Durham
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MCKINLEYVILLE/ARCATA – As the coronavirus rips through Humboldt County, local schools are struggling with absences due to sick teachers, sick kids and those who are staying home to avoid getting sick.

“Arcata High has been hit especially hard since we returned from break,” said Tiffany Bullman, president of the local teachers union, during the Jan. 10 meeting of the North Humboldt Union High School District Board of Trustees. “Their list of staff absences is so long that it’s a miracle that the school has remained open.”



Tiffany Bullman

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ESTEBAN FOREVER

ANIVERSARIO EN MEMORIA DE ESTEBAN Beloved restaurateur and downtowner Esteban Gonzales passed away in January of 2021. His family held a celebration of his life for the community at Esteban’s Mexican Restaurant on I Street in Arcata on a beautiful Sunday afternoon. Attendees enjoyed tacos, salads and drinks to the sounds of a mariachi band.

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HSU’s Craftsman Mall housing shapes up



FOR EXAMPLE This image of one building in 2017’s The Village housing project was offered as an reference for potential Craftsman Mall contractors. VIA HUMBOLDT STATE

Design/build project uses Village 1.0 as guide

Kevin L. Hoover
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ARCATA – About 800 members of the future Cal Poly Humboldt’s burgeoning student population will be housed in a new complex located at the 10.7 acre Craftsman Mall. The project’s capacity and other details are listed in online procurement documents.

The housing project’s cost is listed as approxi-

mately \$124,951,000. Set for completion in December, 2024, it includes an 800-bed residential complex plus amenities at 2715 St. Louis Road, roughly one mile from the HSU campus.

The project will “maximize the buildable footprint within the 10.7 acres of the site,” says its description. Listed as a “goal” is a resident to vehicle parking space ratio of 2:1, or 400 spaces.

The project is bordered on the west by U.S. Highway 101, on the south by Eye Street and Westwood Village, on the west by Westwood Village and on the north by the Janes Creek Meadows subdivision. Vehicular access is via St. Louis Road, with pedes-

trian access to Eye Street, St. Louis Road, and a future trail that runs along southbound U.S. Highway 101.

No elevations of the planned structures or their footprint at the site are yet available, since it is a “design/build” project. That approach lets the university set requirements around which builders can create a design.

However, the procurement package includes, for reference, plans, images and the draft EIR for the original, 2017 proposal for The Village, which included 800 residents and 369 parking spaces. HSU confirmed that a new EIR will have to be created for this project.

CRAFTSMAN MALL ❖ PAGE 4

Hoffman leaving office after Omicron surge

Daniel Mintz
MAD RIVER UNION

HUMBOLDT – Dr. Ian Hoffman has dealt with three intense COVID-19 surges in his 13 months as Humboldt County’s public health officer, but the Omicron surge is the last that he’ll manage response to.

Hoffman announced his resignation after updating the Board of Supervisors

on the effects of the latest coronavirus variant at their Jan. 11 meeting.

He said he’s accepted another position that will allow him to “go back to a clinical role” and spend more time with his family.

After thanking him for his work, Supervisor Rex Bohn acknowledged the challenges of



Ian P. Hoffman

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City staff, council and Watson spar over probe

Kevin L. Hoover
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ARCATA – The deepening alienation between City Councilmember Brett Watson and the rest of City Hall has reached new levels in recent weeks, most recently with the two camps issuing separate press releases about the handling of an investigation into alleged misconduct.

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Brett Watson
‘Disappointing’

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- List
- Natural liking
- Running game
- Pouch
- Madre's title: abbr.
- Memory slip
- "Hell ___ no fury..."
- Long pole
- Tara visitor
- Luau dish
- Trained horse
- Silent assent
- Dividend
- Sunset State: abbr.
- Rocket stage
- Covenants
- Actress Harper
- Common contraction
- "Holy Toledo!"
- Rocky hill
- Wise king, to friends, perhaps?
- Those who don't stand up for themselves
- Charge for having one's car pulled
- Irving Berlin musical
- Decorative button
- Magazine title
- Tries to lose
- Rubber tube
- Building site
- Patriots' goals, for short

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- Price
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- Lucie's dad
- Dismounted
- Risque
- Streptomycin: abbr.
- Keats or Yeats
- Balance
- Russia's ___ Mountains
- Sinatra's third
- Actor James ___
- Look steadily
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- Thirst quencher
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- Rushes
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- Movie dog
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Watson | Process

❖ **FROM 1**
consumed staff resources while revealing worsening dysfunction in the wake of Watson's personal and legal problems. An August 2021 DUI/drug arrest was followed by an absence from the council during treatment for depression. In October, after his return, his four colleagues took a vote of "no confidence" in Watson over the undisclosed allegation. Watson denies any wrongdoing (see below). At the last City Council meeting, terse exchanges between Watson and his colleagues centered around his access to staff. Direct access has been limited – unfairly and inefficiently, in his view – by special protocols governing staff relations as the investigation proceeds. Requests for a copy of the communication guidelines which apply to Watson were unsuccessful. **City of Arcata press release** Arcata, CA, January 11, 2022 – The Arcata City Council has received a report of potential violations of the City's Anti-Discrimination and Harassment Policy by Councilmember Brett Watson and has hired an outside investigator to investigate the alleged violations.

The City is committed to providing an environment for its employees that is free from discrimination or harassment, and through its Anti-Discrimination and Harassment Policy, has adopted zero tolerance of such conduct. This Policy rests on the fundamental precept that each employee, City Council member, Commission member, Committee member, vendor and contractor must treat others with respect, dignity, and professionalism. In a typical matter of this type, the City protects potential victims and witnesses from potential retaliatory conduct by the person accused of discrimination or harassment by eliminating all interactions between the accused person with the potential victims and witnesses to the greatest extent possible. Usually, the accused person will be either placed on administrative leave or, if possible, re-assigned to work duties that remove them from interacting with

potential victims and witnesses. Because Councilmember Watson cannot be placed on administrative leave, the City Council adopted special protocols through which he may interact with City staff to continue performing all of his duties as an elected official while having restricted contact with potential victims and witnesses. At this time, no finding has been made as to whether a violation of the City's policy has occurred, and we are committed to due process throughout this investigation. Although this involves an elected official, it is a confidential personnel matter and the privacy of the potential victims and witnesses must be protected. The City is unable to disclose the nature of the potential violations, the names of the potential victims and witnesses, or the special protocol applicable to Councilmember Watson. Investigations, by design, are conducted independently and develop based on each witness's information; therefore, they do not have a specified timeline. The City will seek to balance the public's interest in knowing the conduct of its elected officials against the privacy rights of the affected employees. Once the investigation is completed, the City will determine what, if any, additional information can be disclosed to the public.

Watson's response
I believe in anti-discrimination and anti-harassment; harassment and discrimination have no place in the workplace. I am sorry the allegation against me was raised, but I have not done anything to warrant such an allegation. I have to believe that I'll be given due process during this investigation, although nobody has told me what I am accused of having done wrong, who the potential victims are, or the identities of any witness. I fear that these allegations are motivated by my continued efforts to hold City staff accountable with timely answers to my questions on behalf of my constituents. If true, that's disappointing. It is my sincere hope that this investigation will be concluded shortly so that we can all get back to the business of running the City.

Memorial Friday

ARCATA HOUSE PARTNERSHIP
ARCATA – Too often, people who are homeless live and die without ever being noticed. If they are served by Arcata House Partnership (AHP), however, they are seen and memorialized for the full lives they led. These last months have been particularly difficult for many, and four people that AHP served have passed. In remembrance of their lives, we offer the following:
We wish to celebrate the humanity and life of Sheilah Pouttu, our client and fellow community member, who was born on Feb. 10, 1958, and died on Dec. 13, 2021, at the age of 63. In the time we spent with her, we knew Sheilah as a gentle, quiet, and conscientious woman, who always treated people with courtesy and kindness. Sheilah was a true free spirit, traveling and living on her own terms, and enjoyed connecting with nature and the cosmos. She will be sincerely missed.

Carl Anthony Perry was born on July 21, 1955, and died on December 27, 2021, at the age of 66. After living in his car for some years, Carl came to AHP's shelter program in the fall of 2019 and moved into a home of his own soon after. Carl radiated a jovial kindness that allowed him to be a friend to all. His spirit made him fun to be around. His raspy laugh was infectious, and there was always a smile on his face. He loved to share his experiences and philosophies on life with others, and always found a way to put a positive spin on the world. Carl will be

MEMORIAL ❖ PAGE 9
MCKINLEYVILLE TOWN CENTER
The McKinleyville Municipal Advisory Committee will continue its review of a draft McKinleyville Town Center ordinance at a special Zoom meeting today, Wednesday, Jan. 19 from 6 to 8:30 p.m. The meeting ID is 812 8720 8876. The pass code is 219244.

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Ralph and his vessel, LSI-1091. Top left, Ruth with Club Co-Presidents Jessi Jones and Monica Carrasco. Left, memories on display.

RALPH DAVIS 1933-2022

RALPH REMEMBERED Rotary Club of Arcata lost its most senior member, Ralph Davis, who passed away peacefully at home surrounded by his family Monday, Jan. 3. Born in Flint, Michigan in 1933, Ralph was 88 years old. A Rotary Club of Arcata Past President, Ralph joined the club in February of 1957. He is survived by his wife, Bobbi Jo, and his children Steve and Ruth. Ralph settled in McKinleyville, opened a dental practice and became very active in the Seventh-day Adventist Church. Ralph purchased the Landing Craft USS LSI-1091 in 1989, which had been used as a salmon cannery ship on the Yukon River in Alaska from 1961 to 1985, and moved it to Eureka, where Ralph fished Albacore from 1995 to 2003. In 2005 the LSI-1091 began her new life as a museum ship on Humboldt Bay. In December Of 2016 she was moved to dry land in Samoa. On Wednesday, the club paid tribute to Capt. Davis. He will be truly missed. Ralph's memorial is set for Thursday, Jan. 27 at 2 p.m. at the McKinleyville Seventh-day Adventist Church PHOTOS BY MATT FILAR | UNION



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Search for Hunter Lewis turns up only clues

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NORTH COAST – Weeks of searches by plane, boat, on foot and even undersea by sonar have turned up only bits and pieces of what might be the lost canoe of boater Hunter Lewis, 21. Lewis was last seen Dec. 30 in Trinidad harbor.

The efforts have been coordinated via a Facebook page titled “Trinidad, CA. Search for Hunter Lewis.” There, searchers documented their efforts as well as the boat parts and other possible clues to Lewis’s disappearance.

On Jan. 10, Hunter’s father, Corey Lewis, posted the following message to the page’s thousands of members: “Thank you all for helping us in the search to recover Hunter’s body. It is with a heavy heart that I tell you now that we are calling off these active searches at this time. His body may still wash up on the beach along with his other treasure items one day. So I am sure you will see me even years from now walking that rocky coast and looking out to sea and thinking about my son, Hunter, the lost Lewis treasure.

“It is time for the family to look for some closure and begin to create space to grieve and heal. Although his body did not come back to us, Hunter will always be with us living in our hearts and our memories. We will be holding both a private and public memorial service here in Humboldt and one down in Long Beach. Details to come later.

“Thank you for your love and support and remember that Hunter, the lost Lewis treasure, will always be out there living out his last greatest adventure! “

COVID | ‘Pandemic of the unvaccinated’

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public health responsibilities during a pandemic.

“Hundreds if not thousands of health officers are leaving their positions because of all these issues so I fully understand why he would leave – it’s a no-win situation,” Bohn said.

He said Hoffman’s work will continue until March.

Hoffman’s work has gained respect and the board renewed an employment agreement with him last month. But as variants successively gouge away at the prospect of ending the pandemic, public health management becomes increasingly resented.

The credibility of public officials is also questioned as the virus’s escalating effectiveness at spreading and undermining both natural and vaccine-induced immunity has upended predictions.

Slogans like “pandemic of the unvaccinated” have been used by Hoffman and during a public comment period, residents who frequently criticize vaccines and the county’s indoor mask mandate noted that case rates are now significantly higher among vaccinated residents than unvaccinated.

“I understand why he’s resigning right now, there’s probably egg on his face that we’re having a pandemic of the vaccinated,” said Donnie Creekmore of the Humboldt Freedom Coalition, which circulated a petition calling for Hoffman’s firing.

But Hoffman had reported that it’s still mostly unvaccinated people being hospitalized and dying, and Supervisor Steve Madrone vouched for Hoffman and said vaccines are protective against the worst outcomes.

“Vaccinations are not perfect but the vast majority of information suggests that they are our best defense at fighting this virus,” he continued.

During his update, Hoffman reported that Humboldt County’s Omicron surge is the worst yet but just beginning.

“We’re starting to see that signature of the Omicron variant where the cases start doubling every two to three days,” he said, adding that “I think it’s safe to say we will continue to see dramatic increases in case counts over the coming days and weeks.”

From Jan. 8 to Jan. 14, the county confirmed 1,113 new COVID-19 cases, with

seven more hospitalizations and four more deaths.

The Delta variant drove last summer’s surge and is estimated to account for 20 percent of current cases. But Hoffman said Delta is “rapidly being overtaken” by Omicron.

The number of COVID-19 patients admitted to local hospitals remains consistent but the local health care system is bracing for an increase.

The county’s COVID-19 hospitalization rate could surge along with case counts. Hoffman said there’s “tremendous regional variation” with the statewide spread of Omicron, however, and “we’re still trying to get a handle on why that’s happening.” He said the statewide projection is that hospitalizations will hit record highs – as they have in the U.S. – and counties whose surges started earlier will peak in the next week or two.

With Humboldt getting a later start, its surge is expected hit peak level sometime in February. It will recede but the consensus of epidemiologists is that there will be more variants.

Frustration with the persistence of the virus was noted by Senator Mike McGuire during his Jan. 14 “Lunch With a Doc” virtual town hall meeting on Omicron.

With him was infectious disease expert Dr. Timothy Brewer of the UCLA School of Medicine. At the end of the town hall, McGuire asked him the jackpot question.

“What does the end of the pandemic look like?” McGuire asked. “Everybody’s sick of it, are we looking at two years to get back to normal or as normal as can be?”

Anytime an infectious disease expert prefaces an answer to a question like that by saying “without trying to sound pessimistic ...,” there’s trouble ahead.

Brewer went on to compare the pandemic to 9/11. “We’re gonna adjust to a new normal,” he said.

Pressed for a more upbeat outlook based on vaccination and treatments, Brewer said there will be “better and better tools” to handle COVID-19 but things won’t be the same as they were.

“I don’t think it’s going to go totally back to what it was in 2018 where if you walked into a bank with a mask on, you would have been arrested right away,” he continued.

Gateway Area Plan Open Houses Friday, Saturday

MAD RIVER UNION

ARCATA – As part of its continuing outreach for the proposed Gateway Area Plan, the City of Arcata is holding two old-school Open House sessions at the Community Center, 321 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Parkway, from 11:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Friday, Jan. 21 and from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 22.

The Open House will serve as a self-guided opportunity to provide feedback on topics including building scale, circulation, the upcoming environmental review process, and ask questions of city staff.

Senior Planner Delo Freitas said the center will feature exhibits that offer an educational “flow” around the main room, walking attendees through the history and process which has brought about the plan.

That “how did we get here?” progression, Freitas said,

will address the General Plan and its Housing Element, plus land use and infill policies. Also covered will be how the Gateway Area Plan will actually work to create the desired housing and infill. Popular topics such as building heights, design standards, circulation, open space, historic preservation, arts and culture and more. Three city staff members will be available for questioning.

“This is the best way to get people thinking about the plan and what’s actually in it,” Freitas said.

A separate room will feature a continuously running, page-by-page video presentation on the Gateway Area Plan.

COVID-19 health and safety protocols will be in place including wearing a face covering regardless of vaccination status and physical distancing. Attendees will likely be limited, if necessary, to 50 at a time so as to minimize potential exposure.

Craftsman Mall | Set for completion in December, 2024

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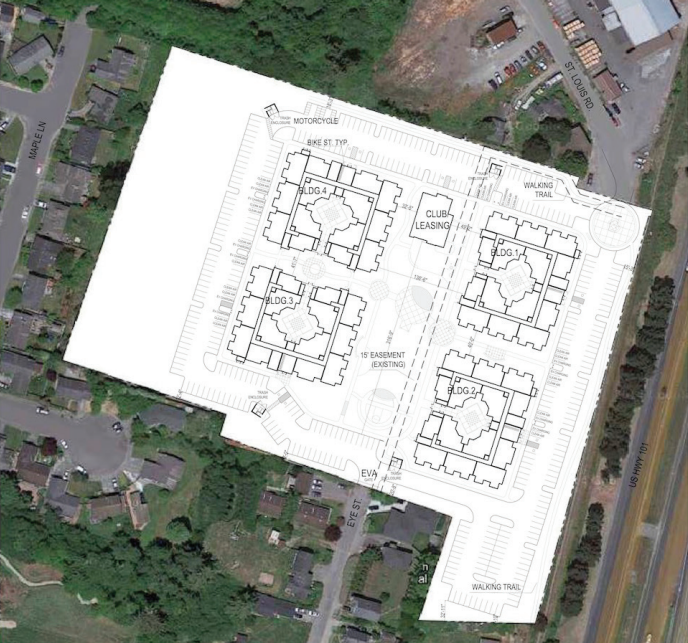
That EIR may be one of the few opportunities Arcata residents and others may have to comment on the project.

After a downsized version of The Village died on a tied City Council vote in 2019, the Craftsman Mall property was purchased by the HSU Foundation.

Now under state control, the site can be freely developed outside of Arcata’s regulatory authority.

Though The Village went through lengthy hearings before the Planning Commission and council, only relatively minor features of the new project, such as its trails and circulation, will include city participation.

While design details are still to come, the HSU’s *Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for Collaborative Design-Build Services* list amenities that “may” be included as an exercise gym, common lounge spaces, study spaces, computer rooms, TV rooms, a mar-



FOOTPRINT This overhead view shows the planned footprint of the original, 2017 The Village, which is being used for contractor reference. A later version had the buildings located farther away from Westwood’s Maple Lane, to the west (left).

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Where The Village 1.0 had proposed 20 motorcycle parking spots and 12 EV charging stations, those details aren’t listed in the current description.

Contractor statements of qualification were due last Friday. Proposal meetings take place later this month, with proposals due March 11 and the winning proposal to be announced April 1. Schematic designs are due on Aug. 19, with construction scheduled to begin Nov. 22.

View the procurement documents at procurement.humboldt.edu/sites/default/files/pw21-2_notice_to_contractors.pdf.

ket /convenience store and conference rooms.

Exterior amenities, say the documents, “shall” include south facing green-space, an unspecified amount of covered bike parking, ball courts, outdoor cooking and appropriate hardscapes.

The project will “maximize the buildable footprint beyond the residence

and exterior amenities with parking.”

A bus/shuttle stop will be created at the St. Louis Road turnaround.

The 400 parking spaces represents an increase from The Village’s originally proposed 369 spaces, but down from the 449 spaces (20 dedicated to clean air vehicles) that had been included in the final design.

Schools | ‘This is a difficult situation that we are in’

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“The only reason the school has been able to remain open is due to the fact that teachers are subbing during their prep periods and admin [administrators] are now filling in for teachers occasionally,” said Bullman, who teaches at McKinleyville High School.

A barrage of absences

Bullman told the trustees that things are not going as well at the schools as they might think.

“As union president, I talk to staff across our district. Many staff members currently feel that the majority of our board thinks that most things are rosy on our campuses. I attend most of these meetings, and if I only listen to these meetings, I would also think that everyone is handling the multitude of crises facing our district well. However, this isn’t the case,” Bullman said.

“We are currently facing a barrage of student and staff absences due to COVID, staff trainings and a number of leaves of absence,” Bullman said.

Students are also sometimes absent from or late to class because they are taking COVID tests.

“Just today I had nine out of 27 students for most of my first period class thanks to absences and COVID testing,” Bullman said. “Once I realized I would only have a few students, I tossed out my lesson plan that I spent a significant amount of time on and created a new lesson on the fly. I ended up doing the same thing during my last class.”

In a written report to the board, Arcata High Principal James Monge wrote about the first week of school after the winter break.

“Unfortunately, as we return from break, our schools and Humboldt County are seeing an increase in COVID cases. We had about a dozen students test positive at school on Monday, a few less on Tuesday, and five Wednesday. Over the break, there were families who called to say their child tested positive on a home test (most were not at school after the break),” Monge wrote.

A brawl and racist graffiti

“In addition to issues related to COVID, the two main campuses in the district have a host of discipline issues,” Bullman continued.

“Just last week a brawl took place on the McKinleyville High campus, and racist and anti-Semitic graffiti was found at one of the student bathrooms at Arcata High,” Bullman said.

NHUHSD Superintendent Roger Macdonald told the board that the district is hoping to identify the culprit.

Some teachers, Bullman said, don’t feel safe.

“Some staff come to me with worries and fears due to students with a history of violence,” Bullman said. “Many do not feel safe in their classrooms.”

‘Difficult situation’

Superintendent Roger Macdonald acknowledged that the district faces a number of challenges.

“I tend to always see the best of a situation, and I have a bubbly personality, and when confronted with a difficult situation, I’ll try to put my best face forward, but Tiffany is right,” Macdonald said. “This is a difficult situation that we are in.”

As of last week’s meeting, school had only been in session for a week and a half, following the winter break.

“Across our district, our team is tired,” Macdonald said.

One of challenges has been confusion over COVID protocols. At one point, the district was following guidelines from the Humboldt County Health Officer. Those guidelines then changed.

This caused confusion for parents, who Macdonald said are just trying to advocate for their children.

“There’s been some hurt feelings, there’s been a little bit of anger and resentment and all that,” Macdonald told the trustees. “We’re trying not to take it personally as an admin team, and faculty and staff as well. We’re just trying to react to it and do the best we can to move forward.”

No spectators at games

In response to the surge in COVID cases, local district superintendents voted to ban spectators from Humboldt-Del Norte League sporting events through Jan. 23. The goal is to allow students to continue to play sports while also reducing the spread of the virus, which has killed 843,000 people in the United States, and 5.5 million in the world.

“It’s not popular,” Macdonald said about the ban.

The ban spurred Shannon Simoni of Eureka to start a petition on *Change.org* asking that the ban on spectators be lifted. As of Jan. 12, the 2,160 people had signed the petition.

“The mental health impact of taking away sports far outweighs the risks associated with covid in our schools,” states the petition. “The mitigation strategies that have been in place since last year are more than enough to allow spectators in the stands. Our Public Health Doctor has stated that we need to look at hospitalizations

NOT case counts, our average weekly hospitalizations last week was 1.7. Please sign this petition if you are in favor of spectators at HDNL High School sporting events.”

Macdonald said the superintendents will meet again and may consider changes the sporting event rules.

School closures

Morris School in McKinleyville was closed on Thursday and Friday of last week due to COVID. McKinleyville Middle School was closed for three days at the beginning of last week. The middle school was close closed for two days during the prior week.

MHS principal gets COVID

McKinleyville High School Principal Nic Collart came down with COVID 19 right before school started after the winter break.

“I have not been on campus the past few days. On Sunday, I began experiencing COVID symptoms and while I tested negative I stayed home,” Collart wrote in an email sent to parents. “Last night I tested positive for COVID and as a result I will be isolating till next Wednesday. I feel blessed that I am only experiencing mild symptoms and frustrated that I can’t be on campus sooner.”

‘We can persevere’

Jude Ortega, an Arcata High student and student representative on the school board, described the situation at Arcata High in a report to the trustees.

“COVID cases at Arcata High School are through the roof. I’ve heard upwards of 20 percent of students are out with COVID and although the actual numbers are not solid by any means I think that as a district we need to recognize this issue and possibly reevaluate our plan,” Ortega wrote. “With that said, I think AHS is doing an amazing job testing on campus and providing at-home tests. Like really! Myself and all other students are able to take as many tests as needed which is vital in the process of slowing the spread.”

“I think that this month is going to be rough now that COVID is surging, but I truly believe as a community we can persevere and still make our school the best it can be,” Ortega wrote “I want to extend a huge thank you to administration, staff, and teachers for taking care of us and working together to provide us with an amazing academic and extracurricular experience. Shoutout to Michelle Hasselquist for testing hundreds of students a day, thank you for all your hard work!”



CLEANER UPPERS The City of Arcata’s Jan. 2 Clean the Sidewalk Day in Valley West saw pickup of non-hazardous items left behind in the neighborhood’s public spaces. Launching from Valley West Park, volunteers were outfitted with supplies and fanned out. Valley West Clean the Sidewalk Days take place the first Sunday of each month. cityofarcata.org, gmartin@cityofarcata.org. PHOTOS BY KIMBERLEY WHITE | VALLEY WEST

A deep dive into Valley West, by and beyond the numbers

“What is Valley West? It’s an ignoble, underappreciated, underreported, misunderstood and for some, generally avoided part of our town. A commercial ghetto. Arcata’s boomtown black sheep. Even, as some disparagingly put it, ‘The Gateway to McNleyville.’”

This editorial quote from Kevin Hoover on April 17, 2001, still rings true for our Valley West Neighborhood in 2022. Our weekly Valley West articles will strive to change the underreported part, so that it can be better understood and appreciated for all that it has to offer.

This edition focuses on Valley West by the Numbers. Since I have a degree in Math, I jumped at the opportunity to describe this 408.6 acre Valley West Neighborhood with any numbers that I could find.

Demographics

Using the California State Parks Community Fact Finder app and selecting a 1-mile diameter circle that includes the majority of the Valley West Neighborhood, we found the following demographic data:

Total Population 1,516; Youth Population 305; Senior Population 272; Households Without Access to a Car 87; Number of People in Poverty 364; Median Household Income \$45,791; Per Capita Income \$33,691.

According to the *Public Safety Task Force Final Report* (2018) “as the City’s most affordable neighborhood, Valley West houses a disproportionately high number of students, minorities, and low-income families.” Census tract data will be used in the future to define demographic trends and comparisons with other neighborhoods.

Housing

The Valley West Neighborhood is a mix of medium and high-density housing. The three largest Mobile Home Parks in Arcata can be found in Valley West - Town and Country Mobile Home Village (193 units), Valley West Mobile Estates (135 units), and Lazy J Ranch senior complex (230 units). An aerial view of the area, taken by Bill Thompson before most developments, shows a “Bottoms-like Valley West,” except for the Lazy J Ranch and Town and Country, along with the old Arcata Drive-In.

An exciting, recent development at Lazy J is their solar array, which is the largest in Arcata and easily visible from Highway 101. Valley West also includes a large, subsidized housing complex (The Courtyards [100 units]), and River Community HUD Homes (40 units). There are many condominiums and over fifteen 1-2 bedroom apartment complexes on or adjacent to Valley East/West Blvds.

Schools

In our first Valley West article on January 5, 2022, I mistakenly mentioned that Pacific Union School on Janes Road is within the Valley West Neighborhood. The school is immediately adjacent to the Valley West perimeter, and actually is in the Westwood/Vasside Neighborhood. The Pacific Union School District boundary does include all of Valley West. Two other schools, one preschool, and two martial arts studios are located within the portion of Valley West between U.S. Highway 101 and State Route 299.

A total of 577 students (TK-8th grade) attended Pacific Union School in 2020, with a large portion living in Valley West. At that

time 52.3 percent of their enrollment were socioeconomically disadvantaged and 23.6 percent were Hispanic or Latino, mostly living in Valley West. Laurel Tree Charter School on Valley West Blvd. includes grades TK-12th, with an enrollment of 136 in 2020. 48.5 percent were socioeconomically disadvantaged and 10.3 percent were Hispanic. Six Rivers Montessori serves 46 students in K-6th grades, with a 4 percent Hispanic population. Little Learners Preschool includes up to 41 students from ages 6 weeks to 6 years.

Two Martial Arts Studios are found in Valley West – Sun Yi’s Academy of Tae Kwon do and Lost Boys Jiu-Jitsu and Muay Thai. Both studios provide classes for youth and adults. Sun Yi’s has offered classes in Valley West for over 40 years and the Lost Boys moved to the Valley West Shopping Center in 2018.

Businesses and taxes

The Valley West Neighborhood is heavily weighted by businesses, with 77 currently in operation, according to the City of Arcata Finance Department. The Valley West Shopping Center alone includes 20 businesses. The *Eco-*

Recreation

According to the Parks and Recreation Master Plan (2010), Valley West contains the majority of visitor accommodations and has very limited developed park and recreation amenities. Two city parks can be found in Valley West: Valley West Park (3.59 acres) and Carlson Park (19.8 acres). This total of 23.39 acres makes Valley West appear to have tremendous recreational opportunities, but both parks have limited acreage that are truly usable for recreation. Valley West Park serves both as a park and the major storm retention area for the Valley West Neighborhood.

As Kimberley White reported in last week’s *Valley West* column, this park is part of an “abandoned meander” of the Mad River. This results in frequent flooding, high enough to allow boating by Laurel Tree Charter School students. As quoted in the 2001 Valley West issue of the *Arcata Eye*, current City Manager Karen Diemer (then recreation supervisor), said “There is a lack of choices there, especially since 50 percent of the park is unusable five to seven months of the year due to excess water.” A basketball



VALLEY WEST
Lucy Salazar



ROW YOUR BOAT A Laurel Tree Charter School teacher and students set to sea in Valley West Park. PHOTO BY LUCY SALAZAR | VALLEY WEST

And sadly, no Parks and Recreation regularly scheduled programming is carried out in Valley West for the many children and youth living in this neighborhood.

Art

According to the City of Arcata’s Draft Strategic Arts Plan (2021-2024), the mapping of Arcata’s cultural assets clearly shows that the majority of opportunities to experience the arts in Arcata are centralized within the historic downtown. “Downtown, film and performing arts venues, various pieces of visual public art, and the festivals and events that Arcata is known for, exist in walking distance. This is not the case in outlying neighborhoods, which house the majority of lower income, student, and BIPOC residents. The Valley West area specifically has limited access to arts opportunities. The ‘clustered’ nature of cultural assets around the city continues to contribute to spatial, cultural, and aesthetic inequities in the Arcata community.”

The only two public art pieces in Valley West can be found in the roundabouts on Giuntoli Lane – “Luna” by Mort Scott (used in this column’s logo), a retired Humboldt State art professor, and “River Steps” by Robert Benson (retired College of the Redwoods art professor). Many blank canvases surround the Valley West Shopping Center, and there are ongoing talks about the potential for murals in these spaces.

Health services

Valley West contains two of the most economically significant, diversified healthcare organizations within City limits - United Indian Health Services and Mad River Community Hospital. United Indian Health Services (UIHS) provides medical, dental, and vision services to tribal members within Del Norte County and the majority of Humboldt County, except for those portions within the service area of the Hoopa Tribal Health Program (K’ima:w) or the Karuk Tribal Health Program.

Within the 40-acre Potawot Health Village, 20 acres of restored natural area is a conservation easement dedicated to forever enhance and protect the wetland meadows. Their Community Nutrition Program and Potawot Community Food Garden were established in 1999, working to combat food insecurity and promoting healthy nutrition for UIHS tribal communities. Besides a weekly Farmer’s Market during the growing season, the Potawot Garden donates thousands of pounds of produce annually to local food banks, tribal youth events, tribal community events and cultural activities. The complex also has approximately two miles of walking trails that meander around the wetlands,

upland, basket and textile garden, food garden, and through the meadows and fruit orchards.

The Mad River Community Hospital is a 78-bed, trauma registered, acute care medical facility. Within the Hospital complex are buildings dedicated to adult day health care, rehabilitation clinics, and wound care. The Hospital is one of the few in the entire country to have an onsite organic garden (two acres) that serves its produce year-round to patients and staff. Their satellite facility of the Mad River Hospital Home Health Care can be found on Valley West Boulevard.

Valley West also provides a variety of individual offices for medical and dental services, including a Dentist, Dermatologist, Midwife, Physical Therapist, Occupational Therapist, and several Family Doctors.

Crime

According to the *Public Safety Task Force Final Report* from 2017, “Valley West presents the highest physical danger to residents, City employees and visitors.” Throughout 2021 this dangerous description continues. The Public Safety Committee’s October 2021 meeting notes reported that the three areas with the largest number of police calls were Valley West, 600 F St. and Mad River Community Hospital (also within the Valley West perimeter). Police Chief Ahearn provided me with crime data for “Valley West” that the Public Safety Committee had requested for the years 2017 – 2021.

Total incidents registered by the Arcata Police Department for this time period were 2,440, 2,789, 3,450, 2,866, 4,453, respectively (with the year 2021 crime data ending on Dec. 15). It must be noted that these high numbers of police incidents for Valley West did not include those registered at the Mad River Community Hospital, which has included assaults on Hospital staff, along with violent crimes associated with housing and substance abuse issues, according to Chief Ahearn.

The Public Safety Committee has formed a specific Valley West Subcommittee, and we look forward to more analysis coming out of this subcommittee, which we will include in future columns.

In conclusion, this smattering of numbers tells a lot about the multi-faceted Valley West Neighborhood, from the lack of recreational opportunities or public art to the high numbers of police calls and tax revenue. Over time, with more analysis, and the perspectives of different players in Valley West, we will delve deeper into these numeric descriptors to give this neighborhood the attention it deserves.



UNSPOILED An undated photo of Valley West, pre-development. PHOTO VIA BILL THOMPSON | ARCATA EYE

nomic Development Plan for 2010-2014 states: “Of the City’s 15 neighborhoods, Downtown and Valley West are consistently responsible for the greatest share of sales tax revenues. Between 2004 and 2008, the business groups that generated the most sales tax revenues for the City were business and industry, fuel and service stations, and restaurants and hotels.” As reported by the Finance Department, these 77 businesses provided \$510,116 in sales tax in fiscal year 2020-2021.

As mentioned in the Economic Development Plan for 2010-2014, most of the City’s transient occupancy tax (TOT) revenues are generated from this area, as the majority of Arcata hotels/motels (eight out of 10) are located in Valley West.

These eight motels provided \$1,086,201.51 in TOT for the 2020-2021 fiscal year. With the impending conversion of the Red Roof Inn and the Days Inn to Permanent Supportive Housing through the Homekey Program, this TOT income for Arcata will permanently be reduced. Another reduction to the City’s overall TOT might come if the Fairwinds Motel is acquired by HSU, as mentioned as a possibility at the Public Safety Committee meeting last October.

court and small playground can be found at the east end of Valley West Park, on Hallen Drive, off of Valley East Boulevard.

Even though the almost 20 acre Carlson Park was deeded to the City by Caltrans in 2017, it still has no playground, picnic table, bathroom or parking. Also, the vast majority of Carlson Park is dedicated to ecological protection, while its northern portion provides the only access to the Mad River within the City limits.

In 2001, Karen Diemer also advocated for a trail or park adjacent to the Mad River, so that summer residents could enjoy water activities. Current encampments have complicated the development and safe use of trails to the Mad River. The southern 1.8 acres is flat and has been recently used for community events by CUNA (Comunidad Unida del Norte de Arcata). If grants are acquired for this portion of Carlson Park, it does have the potential to be developed as a playground and/or playfield.

The 2010 Parks and Recreation Master Plan states that “Arcata has several indoor facilities that provide recreational, social, educational, and cultural activities within the community.” None of the seven listed private and city facilities or four pools are located in or anywhere near Valley West.

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Cautious continuity

After the return from Christmas break, McKinleyville High School and Arcata High School have seen a surge in COVID-19 cases.

As with other places around the county, the omicron variant is spreading like wildfire. This variant is very contagious, some would even say more contagious than other variants.

Ashley Lankila, Dean of Students at McKinleyville High School says, "I can feel the impact it is having on the community, but the community has been very supportive through all

of this. We have a lot of kids that are stressed out with the many positives and being a close contact and it's creating a ripple effect in extracurricular activities."

The parking lot at school is more empty than usual and the hallways are not as crowded as they usually are. Out of a 25-student class there were only seven of us here today.

Most students hate not seeing their friends and there are some kids that are liking the smaller class size.

Chris Evans, the student assistance counselor says, "I find it concerning with

how fast it is spreading but on a counseling side I find it intriguing to see how students handle responsibility. I think what we are seeing now will come around every year and we have learned how unhygienic a world we lived in before COVID-19."

Sports have also been put on pause due to the lack of players. Principal Nic Collart says, "I think there are a lot of factors that we are seeing. We don't have enough players available to play games or there are only six available players

and so I think specific to basketball and sports when games are getting canceled it's really a direct reflection of just not having enough athletes available. It's hard because I know students want to play and it's important but I think that it is directly from either a positive case or students having to quarantine due to positive cases so we have to look at the risk-reward component."

Students and staff are working hard to keep the high school open and operating.



PANTHER REPORT
Allison McCray

Chaos and conquest

And just as basketball season was starting to get interesting, COVID chaos has struck McKinleyville, postponing games until next week at the very earliest.

The boys team hasn't played since Jan. 6, when they shocked a visiting Arcata Tigers team with a 67-58 win. That win brings McKinleyville to 2-0 for league play and sends a statement to the rest of the county that the Panthers can not only compete with, but beat anyone.

Their next game was scheduled for Jan. 18 against Del Norte, but with COVID cases increasing faster than the price of gas, I won't believe it's happening until I see the final score.

The girls basketball team has already had multiple games postponed due to COVID, and even a few positive tests. They sport a 5-6 overall record on the season, and if they can recover from the virus and hit their stride early, still have a good chance at being competitive.

A timetable for returning to play is unclear, but with only one league game under their belt thus far, there is still hope that a full season can be played. Of course, that is dependent on the health of student athletes (priority #1), and whatever happens statewide regarding guidelines, protocols, vaccination status, etc.

With things getting more and more grim, please remember to stay safe.



PANTHER REPORT
Garrett Grosjean

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Washington Avenue woes

What is the Humboldt County Planning Dept. thinking?

In McKinleyville, there is a subdivision to be constructed, along with a BMX track and sports complex, all with ingress and egress from Washington Avenue.

In addition to these, until the extension of McKinleyville Avenue to School Road is completed, traffic from the Santos and Furtado subdivisions is utilizing Washington Avenue as access to U.S. Highway 101.

Even with this increased traffic volume, minimal improvements are proposed to Washington Avenue.

If in fact a traffic study was performed, how can the lack of improvements to Washington avenue be justified or ignored?

At a minimum, Washington Avenue from School Road to Oakdale Drive should have two 20-foot traffic lanes with sidewalks on both sides, as is Washington Avenue from Oakdale Drive to McKinleyville Avenue.

Scott R. Baker
McKinleyville

❖ LETTERS

Smirking into fascism

There is an old joke that goes “How can you tell when a politician is lying? Their lips are moving.” There was a time in this country when you had a hard time picking out the liars, that is no longer true. Their lips are moving.

In my lifetime we have been treated to some of the best liars around, but not now. How fondly we remember Richard Nixon, Richard Haldeman, Henry Kissinger, Robert McNamara, Bush Senior (junior was a terrible liar) and Dick Cheney to name just a few.

These were people who could look the American public in the eye and lie convincingly. Now we have politicians that just move their lips. Everything that comes out of their mouths is a lie and those lies change from day to day, depending on how the wind blows. This is not relegated to the Republican Party.

I laughed when some Democratic senator stated the Manchin had lied to them. No, really!

I grew up in a big city. We were taught

how to navigate the world, protect ourselves and not get taken for a ride, literally. We were taught the subtleties of assessing people looking for danger. People whose smile does not reach their eyes, people who look elsewhere when talking to you, people who smirk... really, what is so funny?

Now you cannot turn on the television and not see all those traits. The people who read the news (Norah O'Donnell smiles all the time, no matter how dire the news, and the smile never reaches her eyes), politicians, health care providers, retail clerks, administrative office workers.

To be fair many of the last groups are young people, so used to dealing with people in a digital world they have trouble relating to the real thing. Maybe that is what is wrong with the young people in congress. At least six members of the Republican Caucus were instrumental in helping the terrorists who invaded the congressional buildings on January 6.

They think they will never be found out or punished. They are everywhere talking and talking and talking (all lies) and they think no one is wise to them. At the very least they are all guilty of violations of their oaths of office. More likely they are guilty

of sedition and treason, both of which are punishable by long federal prison sentences or as their hero like to say “firing squad.”

Yes, the public is frustrated with the pace of the January 6 committee. Start putting these people in jail. So far, the longest sentence given out is 90 days because a woman brought her teen-aged son with her onto the grounds and into the building. There are members of the House of Representatives who continue to plot the overthrow the government. Find them, censure them and remove them from Congress. You have arrested over 700. They should already be in jail so you can start on the “Big Fish.”Get these people gone. There is much more work to be done and no guarantee that the January 6th committee will survive the next election cycle.

It has been opined in some reputable news outlets, both foreign and domestic, that the United States will be a fascist dictatorship by 2030. Maybe I will be dead by then, but our children and children’s children will never know what it means to live in a country for the people and by the people.

Thank you for listening,
Jan Phelps
Arcata

With bold planning, Arcata is poised to continue succeeding

50 years ago, I pulled up at the stoplight in Northtown at the end of G Street, the only light in Arcata, or at least it's the only one that I remember. It was a busy intersection full of students heading to the Humboldt State College campus. Over-size American automobiles and beat-up pickup trucks barreled by on the four-lane highway at 50 mph in both directions, some heading north towards McKinleyville, others south into Eureka, a town at the time of active fisheries, lumber mills, car lots and department stores (no mall yet) and the ever-present rumbling along down Broadway of gigantic log trucks, their impatient drivers slamming on their brakes at the multiple stoplights, the gritty city reeking constantly of sulphur from the paper mill across the bay.



❖ THE FUTURE OF ARCATA
Daniel Duncan
First of two parts

didn't have much savings — money at the commune was hard to come by and only needed for personal items — but that's another tale.

With a 28-year-old's cartilage, I was confident that I could make enough \$ as a carpenter to support my little family wherever we ended up. This was the era of the nomad hippie subculture that had sprung up during the back-to-the-land movement that was taking place throughout the U.S.

Mid-century Arcata

As for Arcata, it was at that time a combination mill town/college town, with lots of old settlement buildings from the former century, a place that looked like it could use a carpenter like myself. Having escaped as a teen from the sprawling megalopolis of San Diego, there was nothing I loved more than a small town with some old houses to work on, especially the fine buildings from California's early period.

Over the last 50 years, since that day at the intersection, I have watched Arcata recover from being a decaying lumber town with more mills in 1950 than any city in North America (each one with its own burner polluting the atmosphere with thick grit every day but Tuesday — the one day a person could hang out their laundry) with a Normal School to train teachers founded in 1913 having grown over the years into a liberal arts mecca as well as a fine college for science majors with a forestry bent. Many young people in the state were fleeing at the time to HSU because it was located way up the coast, too far away to matter much to the development-crazy hordes of California's urban centers in the south like the one I came from.

Downtown Arcata in those early days — early for me and my genera-

tion — was a rip-roaring place. The Plaza had more bars per square foot than any other retail business. There was the Brizard department store in Jacoby's Storehouse, a drugstore on the corner of Ninth and H, a muffler shop on Eighth and G, and an ice cream shop (Varsity) on the east side that used real ice cream for its milk shakes. Plaza Shoe Shop was still located on the Plaza; Northtown Books was situated in Northtown. Don's Donut Bar had its storefront right next to the Jambalaya Club, and was operated by a guy named Don Kolshinski, a bespectacled, kindly gent.



Don Kolshinski at Don's Donut Bar. UNION FILE PHOTO

When the clubs closed around the Plaza at 2 a.m., the inebriated millworkers, hippies, students and their ilk spilled from the Plaza bars and dropped into the donut shop's brightly lit storefront for yet another sugar rush at the fag-end of night. Don eventually retired from the donut-making business and bought himself a hot dog wagon, which he wheeled to the Plaza each day to offer up his superb working man's basic hot dog all day every day for a buck-fifty each until the fog came in at evening time. Then, the ever-patient Don single-handedly and laboriously wheeled his heavy one-man cart back off the Plaza to some off-site garage to prepare it for the next day's business and returned to his mother's home where he lived.

Arcata's evolution

Arcata has become today one of the finest small towns in America, whose down-

town has mostly managed to escape the worst of 20th century modernism with a few clever directives from its hip City Council, such as the following: 1) no stoplights (Caltrans installed the ones on Samoa Boulevard); 2) no fast food franchises; 3) no 6-lane freeway cutting through its heart and killing its soul; 4) instead of a pug-ugly sewage treatment plant rising up beside the bay, a marshland created at a former dump site and evacuated mill for natural filtration that serves the same function and provides nature paths for the town's residents as well as a sanctuary for wildlife; 5) no subdivision of the beautiful bottomland to the west, but open space left perpetually to dairy farmers to populate their fertile river-bottom pastures with dark cattle and a sprinkling of white egrets; 6) to the east, a city park consisting of a second-growth forest to cover the bottom of Fickle Hill that will never be clearcut; 7) a Mad River to the north to be its natural boundary; 8) an Arcata Bay to the south that has nothing on it but a few leftover wood pilings and an abundance of shorebirds, secure in the knowledge that nary a cruise ship will ever attempt a landing lest it get stuck in the mud up to its portholes and wish it had kept on going up the coast to some big city like Seattle that cared about such types of visitors.

The town of Arcata grew up in a period of social upheaval in the 20th century's second half. It grew in fits and starts and it wasn't easy. When Caltrans, for example, tried to push through a six-lane freeway right down the heart of the city that few wanted, it took a new City Council to vote it down. This council was created due to a fortunate confluence of the national voting age law being lowered to the age of 18 and the presence of a fellow at Humboldt State named Wes Chesbro, who happened to be ASB president at the time.



COMING SOON Open Door's Arcata Community Health Center, planned for 2023 opening. VIA OPEN DOOR

Chesbro migrated over to the city government and got himself elected to the council to make sure the youth, the students, the hippies, the in-migrants from all parts of California, got their say along with the loggers and developers about the direction of Arcata's growth. Yes, and the first thing that was NOT going to happen, along with NO stoplights and NO fast food franchises downtown, was to allow a divide between the university side of the city and the downtown side.

This post-lumber mill town Arcata was going to be One community, was the feeling of the populace: half educational institution run by the state, half a town of free citizens run by a civil government, neither one dominating the other, both committed to the same purpose, to further a better, smarter North Coast, sharing resources and responsibilities to make that happen.

Smart Arcata

And that is exactly what is happening right now and in a big way for both the town and Humboldt State University. It's a new world out there with smart-phone-carrying denizens of every type, age and economic category, including the homeless. There are no hidden agendas anymore. You can find a website for just about everything you thought you wanted to know, and Google will find the rest too even if you mis-spell your question.

By now, most everybody has learned that Humboldt

State is getting 5,500 new students as it turns into a Polytechnic by 2028. Google is bringing into Arcata a fiber optic cable from Singapore to service local customers (i.e., the expanded university) as well as those beyond. It seems that almost every group of citizenry is being addressed in the effort to remedy the acute housing shortage: seniors with the Plaza Point complex across from the Co-op; the Sorrel Place Project one block over for low-income residents of all ages; housing for the chronic homeless is underway in Valley West, a conversion of two hotels named Project Homekey; the Yuroks are getting their Commons at the end of 30th Street, a beautiful development by Pacific Builders. That company is also constructing the Open Door Complex at the intersection of Foster and Sunset avenues at the roundabout — a delightful, contemporary building of glass and stone that will impress the visitors coming in from the north as an expression of Arcata's deference to the new, where and when it's appropriate. And the City of Arcata is turning 1680 Samoa Blvd. into a legal parking facility for the homeless...

End of part 1. Next week: Craftsman Mall housing, homes old and new, making the most of a small world.

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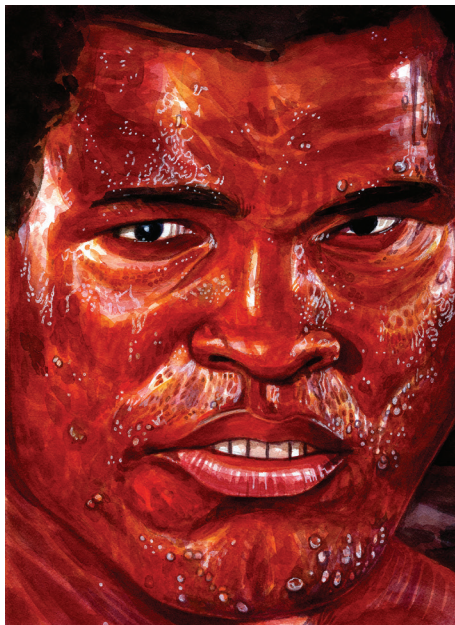
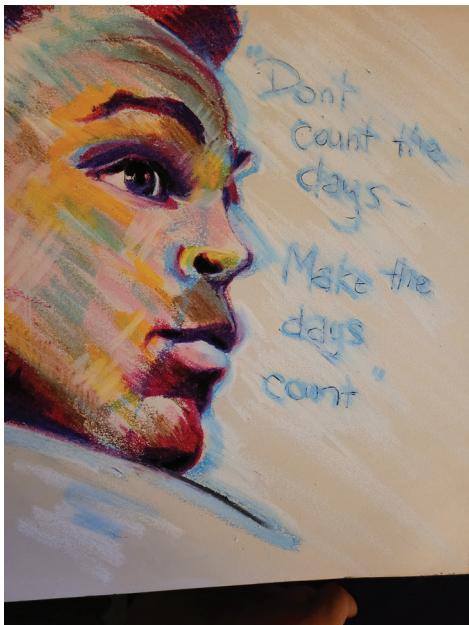
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INSPIRED BY ALI Left, “Make Them Count,” oil pastel on paper, by Rosalie Thomson. Center, “Float Like a Butterfly,” pen and ink on paper, by October Mintey. Right, “Dedication,” watercolor on cold press arches, by James F. Woglom.

SUBMITTED PHOTOS

Art & poetry inspired by Muhammad Ali

INK PEOPLE CENTER FOR THE ARTS
EUREKA — Ink People Center for the Arts is kicking off the 2022 exhibition season at Brenda Tuxford Gallery with “Stand Up and Be Counted: art and poetry inspired by Muhammad Ali.”

Muhammad Ali was known as “The Greatest” — a world champion fighter, humanist, mentor, poet, and activist who changed the world. “Stand Up and Be Counted,” co-sponsored by KEET-TV: PBS of Northern California, Word Humboldt, and Ink People Center for the Arts, has been organized in conjunction with *Muhammad Ali*, a PBS documentary series directed by Ken Burns, Sarah Burns and David McMahon, which premiered on KEET-TV last fall.

Sarah Burns wrote in a statement: “Ali is rightly celebrated for his athleticism in the ring, but he was equally heroic in his willingness to stand up for what he believed was right.”

Showcased paintings, drawings, and poems draw inspiration from Ali’s activism and from the six core principles that guided his life: confidence, conviction, dedication, giving, respect and spirituality.

Featured writers and artists include Tim Ayres, Michael Woods, October Mintey, Rosalie Thomson, Brett Mungo, James F. Woglom,

Heather Quarles, Dylan Collins, Mark Heathcote, Tania Fonseca, Traci Neal, Sarah Brooks and Michael Bickford.

At the Brenda Tuxford Gallery, printed poems line the walls of one exhibition space, while drawings and paintings are displayed next door.

The exhibition will be accessible to viewers in person by appointment, as well as online.

“Dedication,” a photorealistic watercolor portrait by Humboldt State University art education professor James F. Woglom, uses hot colors and a tight crop to capture Ali’s intensity in the ring.

“Float Like a Butterfly,” a pen and ink drawing by 13-year-old Humboldt artist October Mintey, uses mixed media to emphasize duality in the fighter’s public persona. “Ignoring protocols, Ali moved freely among the people, saying Allah would protect him,” Tim Ayres wrote regarding his surreal digital photomontage, “ALI - A LIVING ROCKWELL.”

“Like a Norman Rockwell painting, the faces in the crowds Ali drew told the story of America,” Ayres wrote.

Several featured writers assess Ali’s cultural significance in terms of identity and personal history. “Muhammed Ali and boxing are integral

to my relationship with my father,” said Michael Bickford, who writes with the Lost Coast Writers’ Cooperative. “The Creator’s Hands,” by Heather Quarles — writer, teacher, and founder of the Unbound Writing Center in Arcata — proposes: “Like Clay, / lean into the way / you were formed. / Born to be what you are / but, shaped too.”

“This exhibit reflects personal insights into what Ali has meant to each artist and poet, and the effect his legacy has left on them,” said Katie Whiteside, Director of Community Engagement at KEET-TV, who organized the exhibition. “The PBS series unveils multiple sides of this icon, beyond boxing. Ali had to fight for his beliefs, civil rights, and social justice. He challenged white supremacy and the racism he faced in this country, which continues to challenge us today.”

“Stand Up and Be Counted” can be viewed online at inkpeople.org/tuxfordgallery and in person by appointment at the Brenda Tuxford Gallery, 627 Third St., Eureka, from Jan. 14 to Feb. 21.

Appointments for individuals and small groups are available Tuesdays through Fridays from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., with masking and social distancing restrictions in effect.

Call (707) 442-8413 to schedule a visit.

KING TIDES OF HUMBOLDT BAY Join Friends of the Arcata Marsh (FOAM) on Friday, Jan. 21 for a free Zoom presentation by environmental planning consultant Aldaron Laird entitled “King Tides on Humboldt Bay: A Preview of Sea Level Rise.” The lecture will start at 7:30 p.m. and can be accessed at humboldtstate.zoom.us/j/81524243096; Meeting ID: 815 2424 3096; Phone 669-900-6833. Laird has been mapping and studying Humboldt Bay (Wigi) for the last 20 years and has been active since 2010 in promoting a regional approach to sea level rise planning on the bay. He has prepared sea level rise vulnerability assessments, co-founded the Humboldt State Sea Level Rise Initiative, and recently launched HSU’s Humboldt Sea Level Rise Public Forum. A selection of Aldaron’s photographs taken around Humboldt Bay is being shown through February at the Arcata Marsh Interpretive Center. Hours are Tuesday through Sunday between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m.

ARCATA MARSH TOUR Friends of the Arcata Marsh (FOAM) is sponsoring a free tour of the Arcata Marsh & Wildlife Sanctuary on Saturday, Jan. 22. Meet leader Sharon Levy at 2 p.m. in the lobby of the Interpretive Center on South G Street for a 90-minute, rain-or-shine walk focusing on birds, wastewater treatment, and/or marsh history. For more information, call (707) 826-2359.

ENJOY THE MAGNIFICENCE Join Redwood Region Audubon Society for a free guided field trip at the Arcata Marsh and Wildlife Sanctuary on Saturday, Jan. 22 from 8:30

to 11 a.m. Meet leader Ken Burton at the end of South I Street (Klopp Lake) in Arcata. The cold January air almost always leads to gorgeous and clear views, making birds like sandpipers, pelicans, godwits, curlews, gulls, harriers, and ducks even more magnificent to watch. Please visit rras.org for COVID-19 participation guidelines. Let us know you plan to attend by text/messaging Ralph Bucher at (707) 499-1247, or email thebook@reninet.com with the walk date and name, email and phone number for each participant.



HUMBOLDT COASTAL LAGOONS Join Redwood Region Audubon Society field trip leaders Gary Friedrichsen, Tom Lisle, and Clare Golic for a birding/geological/botanical Tour of the Humboldt Coastal Lagoons on Saturday, Jan. 22. We will begin at Big Lagoon County Park at 9 a.m. with a brief explanation about the evolution of coastal lagoons and our set of lagoons in particular. We will bird this area then proceed to other locations around this lagoon. We will caravan on to Dry, Stone, and Freshwater lagoons that will provide great views of the water birds and shorebirds that inhabit these freshwater systems. Tom is a retired hydrologist/geologist who worked for Redwood Sciences Laboratory. He knows the area very well and can shed light on the origin and progression of the lagoons we will visit. Clare has worked for SHN, CalTrans, and California Department of Fish and Wildlife as project botanist. She is a treasure trove of information on native plants from this region. Gary has been birding Humboldt County since 1964 and is excited to share his knowledge and stories about the birds and mammals that could be encountered. Please plan to spend at least three hours, maybe more. Pack warm clothes, a lunch, and water. We will go rain or shine and only cancel if winds are too combative. Please visit rras.org for COVID-19 participation guidelines. Reservations are required. Contact gary@jacobyecreek.net.

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City of Trinidad seeks applicants for council

The new year brings some changes and opportunities for city governance.

At last week’s City Council meeting, Mayor Steve Ladwig announced that Councilmember Tom Davies resigned from the council in December.

Councilmember Dave Grover said that he would be moving to Arcata shortly and that his resignation would be imminent.

The terms of both of these councilmembers end in December 2022 so the question of appointing new councilmembers to these seats or holding a special election was discussed.

City Clerk Gabriel Adams said that special elections are costly and that appointing new members may be the most expedient course of action.

Meantime, Cheryl Kelly was sworn in to replace Dr. Richard Clompus.

Letters of interest in filling Council seats should be presented at the City Clerk’s office in Town Hall. Applicants must be registered voters and live within the narrow city limits of Trinidad.

There is a tentative Feb. 4, 2022 deadline for applications.

The Trinidad Planning Commission also is seeking applicants to join the five-member commission since Chair Kelly resigned to join the council.

Richard Johnson, Diane Stockness, Aaron Hakenen and Tom Hopkins are the remaining commissioners. Letters of interest to fill this important seat should also be presented to City Clerk Gabriel Adams or his assistants Anton Sousa and Jennifer Hakenen.

The Conservation element of the Trinidad General Plan was reviewed at the council meeting. The Land Use element was discussed in December.

Circulation will come up in February or March. City Planner Trevor Parker said that a Public Workshop will be planned so that it is still not too late for citizens to read, understand, and review the Commission and the Council’s recommendations set forth in the updated General Plan.

Mayor Ladwig said that summer 2022 is the goal for reviewing the entire document.

With a depleted City Council, some committee assignments remain unfilled. Councilman Jack West agreed to lead the Trails Committee with Cheryl Kelly volunteering to be on the committee.

Cheryl Kelly will join the California Coastal National Gateway committee, the next quarterly meeting of which will take place from 10 a.m. to noon on Thursday, Jan. 20 via Zoom.

In other council business, water committee participant Paul Levine reminded the council of the need to report on the seven public contracts involving city water developments at every council meeting.

City Manager Eli Naf-fah, who will participate in a City Manager Conference

February 2-4, reported that that the Verizon cell tower under construction in Westhaven has been delayed because of fiber optic cable delivery problems.

Lt. Kevin Miller of the Humboldt County Sheriff Department reported that during November and December 2021 there

have been responses to 120 patrol checks, 19 animal problems, 17 public welfare, seven public assists, six disturbances, four child welfare, four probation, four trespassing, three vehicle problems, two parking tickets, two petty thefts, one noise complaint, one 911 call, one death and one DUI.

Miller said that the sheriff’s office has a shortage of personnel so that he is on search and rescue duty in addition to his other leadership responsibilities.

He said that many in the sheriff’s department, and private citizens, have been involved in searching for Hunter Nathaniel Lewis, the young outdoorsman whose canoe was launched from the beach in late December but who is still missing. His canoe was found near the Martin Creek trail in early January.

Between 14 and 18 citizens joined the Zoom format Council meeting, which started late because of a closed session meeting prior to the public meeting and adjourned about 7:15 p.m.

Watershed Council
Rebecca Price-Hall led a two-hour Trinidad Bay Watershed Council meeting last week via Zoom.

Participants discussed a variety of watershed related subjects. Don Allan of the Trinidad Coastal Land Trust reported that Houda Beach improvements were pending, including trails, picnic table and an information kiosk.

Having a Porta-Potty at the site has not been a success as vandalism has occurred with two installations having to be removed.

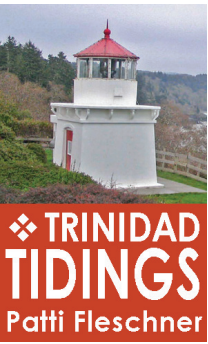
Danny O’Shea gave a stormwater project update. He said there were more sea stars, the kelp beds were healthy and that water quality in the Bay was improving.

Mayor Steve Ladwig brought up inadequate Moonstone Beach parking area drainage. County Supervisor Steve Madrone reported on illegal cannabis growing in the Fox Farm Road area polluting Luffenholtz Creek and other matters.

Djia Givens of the Trinidad Rancheria, Sherri Provolt of the Yurok Tribe, Jeremy Wright of Green Diamond and City Planner Trevor Parker also were among those participating in the meeting.

The next one will be held on April 11, 2022 and Rebecca Price Hall encouraged all interested parties to contact her via rprice-hall@trinidad.ca.gov about joining future meetings.

Email Patti at baycity@sonic.net.



Sunrise Rotary helps worthy local causes with small grants

ARCATA SUNRISE ROTARY
HUMBOLDT – The Financial Assistance Committee of the Rotary Club of Arcata Sunrise has recently provided small grants to the following local organizations:

- Humboldt State University’s Native Food Sovereignty Lab (\$500) will offer students an opportunity to explore healthy, traditional, Indigenous food systems with a commercial kitchen, plant drying station and salmon pit. HSU will become the first university in California with a space dedicated to uplifting tribal sovereignty through the research, practice and preservation of food sovereignty.
- Life Care Humboldt (\$500) is a senior life plan community unique to our North Coast region. This project will allow active and engaged community members to remain in the community, to maintain social and family connections, to have choices that support independence and dignity and to access varied levels of care in a safe and secure setting.
- The Humboldt Bay Trail (\$250 to the Humboldt Bay Trail Fund) is a network of paved paths connecting the communities around Humboldt Bay. Efforts are actively underway to complete a continuous 14-mile, non-motorized trail from central Arcata to the southern end of Eureka.
- American Foundation for Sui-



cide Prevention’s Out of the Darkness Walk (\$500) The Out of the Darkness Walk is a journey of remembrance, hope, and support. It unites our communities and provides an opportunity to acknowledge the ways in which suicide and mental illness have affected our lives and the lives of those we love and care about.

- Big Brothers Big Sisters (\$600) Bowl for Kids’ Sake Advocate sponsorship for the annual event on March 4 and 5, 2022.
- Arcata House Partnership Shelter Crisis (\$500) The AHP is the main homeless services/ transitional housing agency for the North Humboldt Area. During COVID AHP has seen an increase in older adults with numerous medical conditions who are homeless for the first time.
- Humboldt County Office of Education State Science Fair Fund (\$500) To support equitable access for all students to Science Fair materials. Funding will help local students attend and compete at the State Science Fair.
- Rape Crisis Team (\$500) Funds to assist with search for a new executive director and agency long term planning.
- Makers Apron Creative Reuse, a Dreammaker Project of the Ink People (\$650) to assist with start-up costs for a new retail and workshop space. This project will keep thousands of pounds of re-usable items out of the landfill.



Asia Anderson



Juhi La Fuente



Natalie Arroyo



Liesl Gustafson



Julia Neuman

AAUW gives scholarships to accomplished women

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF UNIVERSITY WOMEN
HUMBOLDT – The Humboldt County branch of the American Association of University Women (AAUW) recently awarded its annual Re-Entry scholarships focused on supporting Humboldt State University upper division and graduate level re-entry women students. The “re-entry” part means that applicants must have had a minimum five-year interruption in their college/university years. Usually two or three scholarships are awarded, but this year, given the combination of a pool of incredibly accomplished applicants with significant financial needs plus increased donations from members, AAUW-Humboldt was able to award five scholarships of either \$1,000 or \$2,000. Congratulations to these very talented HSU students.

The recipients are:

- **Asia Anderson** – Asia is completing her bachelor’s degree in biochemistry, with a plan to pursue a Ph.D in the biosciences and continue in research and teaching. As a single mother returning to education after 20 years, she has a passion for learning which she shares with other students as an academ-

ic coach and STEM tutor in the Umoja Center at HSU, while carrying a full academic schedule and time-consuming lab work isolating enzyme proteins.

- **Juhi La Fuente** – Juhi is working on a master’s degree in fisheries biology, with her current research focusing on how krill respond to climate change. Her previous experience as an AmeriCorps volunteer and working in community outreach and science education programs helped Juhi develop a strong desire “to ensure that the next generation of women and girls feel seen, encouraged and represented” in the field.
- **Natalie Arroyo** – Returning to school to complete an M.S. in environmental science and management, Natalie is also working part-time, serving as a Coast Guard Reserve Officer, a member of the Eureka City Council, and an instructor in the undergraduate Environmental Science and Management Department. Natalie’s dream is to “continue a life of public service and to make well-informed decisions about land, water, and natural resource management for the rest of her career.”
- **Liesl Gustafson** – Having to overcome serious health and personal problems has not

deterred Liesl from pushing to accomplish her goal of completing a bachelor’s degree in botany with a minor in ecological restoration. Her community focus can be seen in her internships at the Humboldt Botanical Gardens, growing fresh produce for the Betty Chin Foundation, and helping breed endangered butterflies at the Sequoia Park Zoo.

- **Julia Neuman** – Long-time (24 year) Humboldt County resident Julia Newman is working toward her masters in social work. Her re-entry comes after teaching in early childhood education and serving as a Children’s Mental Health Case Manager for Humboldt County. Her goal is to attain an LCSW and play therapist credential to bring critical children’s mental health services to acute populations in the community.

The AAUW’s mission is to advance gender equity through research, education, and advocacy.

The Humboldt Branch provides these scholarships, offers other educational and leadership opportunities for local girls, and hosts various interest groups and monthly meetings to promote community engagement. For more information, visit humboldt-ca.aauw.net.

Memorial | Friday morning

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greatly missed by all who knew him.

Honoring the happiness and life of Heidi Marie Smith, who was born on Oct. 29, 1978, and died on Jan. 1, 2022 in Arcata, California, at the age of 43. Heidi was raised in Southern Humboldt, and attended Miranda Junior High and South Fork High School. She was a happy, outgoing woman who loved being around people. Overcoming many difficulties in her life, Heidi made her way to Project Roomkey in Garberville, and then to the Arcata House Partnership shelter, where she enjoyed the company of many people and cats. Her love of music and the holidays

brought sparkle to the house as she shared her joy. Heidi’s kindness and love of life was evident to anyone who knew her.

Danielle Wight – known as Danni – was born on Sept. 19, 1987, and passed away on Oct. 7, 2021, at the age of 34. She was a loving mother to her two daughters, and felt incomplete without them. Everything she did was for her girls. Even though she fell on hard times due to the COVID crisis, losing both her job and her housing, she persevered. Danni was committed to providing a stable home for her children, despite many adversities. She had a friendly, loving way about her and she was quick to laugh, even through tears. She leaves behind two amazing young daughters.

In remembrance of these individuals – and all of our neighbors who are living on the streets without proper housing – Arcata House Partnership will hold a memorial on Friday, Jan. 21 at 10 a.m. The service will be held outside at 501 Ninth St. in Arcata (rain or shine) and will be open to all community members who wish to attend.

We hope to honor the memories of those we have lost by continuing to work with and advocate for the most vulnerable members of our community, and we look forward to a future in which everyone has access to a safe and comfortable place to be.

Donations of blankets, sleeping bags, tents, and financial support for an extreme Weather Shelter program will be accepted at the event.

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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF JASON EVERETT PETERS
CASE NO.: PR2200004
To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of:
JASON EVERETT PETERS
A Petition for Probate has been filed by JAMES PETERS in the Superior Court of California, County of HUMBOLDT.

The Petition for Probate requests that: JAMES PETERS be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

The petition requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take any actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

A hearing on the petition will be held in this court as follows:
Date: FEB. 3, 2022
Time: 1:31 PM
Dept.: 6
Address of court: Superior Court of California, County of Humboldt, 825 Fifth Street, Eureka, CA, 95501.
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COVID-19 PANDEMIC. PLEASE VISIT <https://www.humboldt.courts.ca.gov> FOR INFORMATION ON HOW TO PARTICIPATE IN AN ONLINE VIDEO HEARING.

If you object to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.

If you are a creditor or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) **four months** from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) **60 days** from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. **Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.**

You may examine the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a formal Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.
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1/12, 1/18, 1/26

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME
QUINN RACHAEL FORD
SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

CASE NO. CV2101804 TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

1. Petitioner has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Present name: **QUIN RACHAEL FORD** to Proposed name: **QUIN KULLA**

2. THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court, located at 825 5th Street, Eureka, California, at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the application should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.

Date: FEB. 18, 2022
Time: 1:45 p.m.
Dept.: 4

For information on how to appear remotely for your hearing, please visit <https://www.humboldt.courts.ca.gov/>.

3. A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once a week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on

the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: Mad River Union.
Date: DEC. 27, 2021
Kelly L. Neel
Judge of the Superior Court
1/12, 1/19, 1/26, 2/2

NOTICE OF PUBLIC AUCTION

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned intends to sell the personal property described below to enforce a lien imposed on said property under the California Self-Service Storage Facility Act (Bus. Prop. Code Ss 21700-21716). The undersigned will sell at public sale by competitive bidding on the 3rd day of February, 2022 at 10 a.m. on the premises where said property has been stored and which is currently located at Arcata Bay Self Storage, 250 E Street Arcata, CA. Most storage units contain miscellaneous personal property, clothing, furnishings and household goods. In addition, the following units contain:

Dharmadas Chakravarti – Skate Boards, Backpacks, Bags, Boxes, Canopy, Bikes, Books
Devdas Chakravarti – Electronics, Boxes, Carpet, Toaster, Suite Case, Boxes

The Auctioneer will be Kerry Rasmussen, Bond #7900364465, phone #707-822-0331. Purchases must be paid for at the time of the sale in cash only. All purchased items sold “as is” and must be removed at the time of sale. Sale is subject to cancellation in the settlement between owner and obligated party, auctioneer, and Arcata Bay Self Storage.
1/19, 1/26

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME
REBECCA LYNN DIXON
(NOW KNOWN AS REBECCA LYNN WRIGHT)
SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

CASE NO. CV2200057 TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

1. Petitioner has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Present name: **REBECCA LYNN DIXON** to Proposed name: **REBECCA LYNN WRIGHT**

2. THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court, located at 825 5th Street, Eureka, California, at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the application

should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.

Date: MARCH 4, 2022
Time: 1:45 p.m.
Dept.: 4

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3. A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once a week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: Mad River Union.

Date: JAN. 13, 2022
Kelly L. Neel
Judge of the Superior Court
1/19, 1/26, 2/2, 2/9



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Ted, one sweet blockhead, and Sarge, who loves living large

So many adoptable animals at the shelter right now! As of this writing, there are 28 dogs, 20 cats, five bunnies and two rats. *Whew!*

That's a lot of critters looking for their forever homes. Been thinking of adding a new friend to your household? Now would be a good time. The holidays are always a slower time for adoptions and a busier time for animals turning up at the shelter. Now that busy family times are behind us, please consider checking out our available pets to see if someone catches your eye. You can always see the available animals at 24petconnect.com (formerly known as Petharbor).

Our volunteers are hard at work trying to get every dog out for a walk every day. Some fun facts: four dog walks equals about 10,000 steps; the more dogs and cats are exercised, trained and played with, the more likely they will be adopted; volunteers take some of the best photos and share stories of the pets' personalities that also help us promote our friends.

We are always looking for more volunteers and only ask that people try to commit to at least one day a week to take a two hour shift. Many of our regulars come in much more than that but it is not a requirement. If you're near the shelter,

stop in and pick up an application. You can also contact me at redwoodpalsrescue@gmail.com and we can email an application.

One of the things we try to do with the shelter dogs is find them walking buddies. Dogs are social creatures and having a pal to walk with noticeably lowers their stress. Two big fellows that have become best friends are Ted and Sarge.

It's easy to think that a big not-yet-neutered male like Ted should be kept separate from other dogs, but in fact Ted is quite dog-friendly and

was clearly expressing his desire for a friend. Scruffy Sarge also seemed to be looking for a friend so we tried them out together and look how cute they are!

Ted has more confidence around other dogs and that has been great for Sarge, who was very interested but not fully versed in doggy etiquette Sarge likes to lean in and give Ted kisses while they walk along.

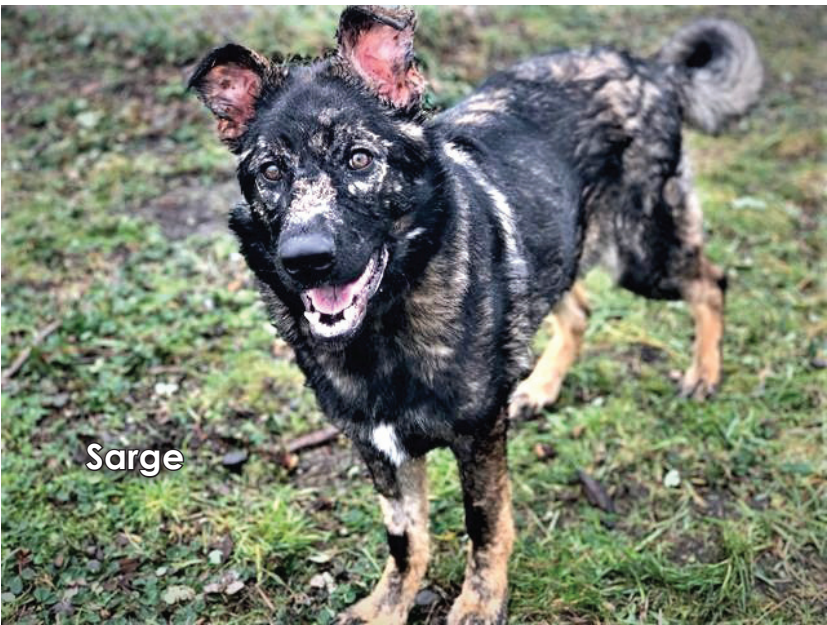
Ted is a big goofy puppy of about a year old. This sweet blockhead comes with his own drool alert! We can almost guarantee there will be some drool when you play with Ted but he is so cute we think you won't mind.



DOG TOWN
Mara Segal



Ted



Sarge

Ted loves chasing a ball and playing with his toys in the play yard. He knows Sit and is working on his leash manners.

At about 90 pounds, he is a strong fellow but is very attentive and interested in pleasing his handler. Ted is quite dog-friendly and could potentially live with another dog. He is probably not a candidate for a home with cats.

Ted's friend Sarge is a little under a year old. He came to the shelter with a condition called puppy strangles, a horrible name for a kind of juvenile canine cellulitis. It is being treated and already looks so much better! This is not a contagious condition.

Sarge is a great example of a dog who is really enjoying his stay

at the shelter as it is quite a step up from his previous neglected life. At the shelter he gets regular meals, is warm and dry and gets attention from humans and his buddy Ted.

Sarge likes toys and loves attention. He is at the beginning of his obedience training but his gentle nature and strong food motivation should make training relatively easy. Sarge is tall and lanky and weighs about 60 pounds.

Ted and Sarge are available from the Humboldt County Animal Shelter. These boys are neutered, micro-chipped and current on their vaccinations. To meet them (or any of the other adoptable pets) please call (707) 840-9132 Monday through Friday.

A deputy intervention and double dose of Narcan to the nose saves a found Fentanyl fan

HUMBOLDT COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

EUREKA – On Wednesday, Jan. 12 at about 1:20 a.m., a Humboldt County Sheriff's deputy on patrol in the south Eureka area observed an unconscious male subject lying in the sidewalk on the 4300 block Broadway Street.

The deputy approached the man and observed a small bag containing a powdery substance in the man's

possession.

Based upon the deputy's training and presence of the substance, the man was determined to possibly be experiencing a Fentanyl overdose emergency.

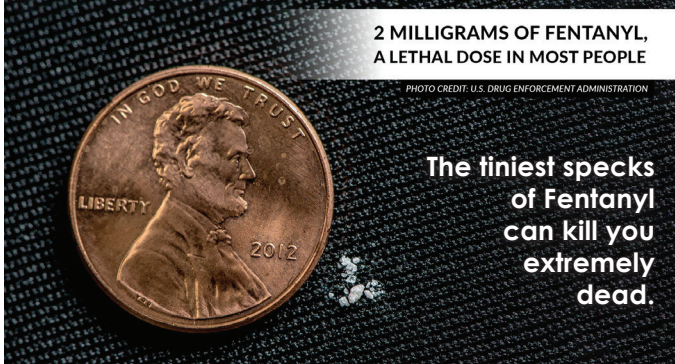
The deputy administered two doses of nasal Narcan, an opioid antagonist, then began performing CPR. Due to the deputy's attentiveness and quick action, the man was successfully

revived. He was then transported to a local hospital for further medical treatment.

Fentanyl overdoses are on the rise in Humboldt County. In 2020, the county saw 11 Fentanyl related deaths. In 2021, there were 33 Fentanyl-related fatalities, accounting for almost 10 percent of all deaths recorded by the Humboldt County Coroner's Office for the year.

Fentanyl is 50 times stronger than heroin and is being added to cocaine, methamphetamine, heroin and pills (sold as Oxycodone, OxyContin, Percocet, Xanax, Adderall, "Perc-30s," "M30s" and many others).

A Fentanyl user will



use microgram quantities, which is enough to cause an overdose as opposed to the quantities of cocaine, methamphetamine, or heroin needed to cause overdose. The quantity of Fentanyl added to drugs is unknown to the user thus making the doses often lethal.

Fentanyl dealers and distributors appeal to youth by disguising Fentanyl with many colors (blue, orange, purple, and others). They also use social media such as Snapchat, Facebook and Instagram to reach children and young people.

Symptoms of an opioid overdose include: unconsciousness, limp body, extreme drowsiness, slow, shallow, irregular or no breathing,

pale, blue, cold and/or clammy skin, choking, snoring, or gurgling sounds, slow or no heartbeat, and very small or "pinpoint" pupils.

In the event of an overdose, Narcan can be administered and can reverse the effects of overdose and prevent death. Narcan is available to the public at no cost at the following locations:

Department of Health and Human Services, 908 Seventh St., Eureka. (707) 268-2132

• Humboldt Area Center for Harm Reduction, 924 Fifth St., Eureka. (707) 407-6013

• Redwood Rural Health Center, 101 West Coast Road, Redway. (707) 923-2783

If someone you know is experiencing an overdose, call 9-1-1 immediately.

Those who sell Fentanyl can be charged with murder. Anyone with information regarding the illegal sale of Fentanyl in Humboldt County is encouraged to call the Humboldt County Sheriff's Office at (707) 445-7251 or the Sheriff's Office Crime Tip line at (707) 268-2539.

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